July 15, 2019

Welcome back to another great year at Pinewood and Sierra Ridge! The Pollock Pines Food Service Team is very excited about the upcoming year.

Every day our Food Service Team works to help our children learn by providing nutritious and tasty food for them. Our team of five amazing ladies provides over 600 student meals a day that not only taste wonderful, but also meet all the strict state and federal safety and nutrition guidelines. Our Team takes pride in cooking and preparing meals that kids will like and want to eat while at the same time providing all the vitamins and dietary requirements they need. Students have a wide variety of entrees throughout the month from which to choose. Since we offer several entrees and participation can vary greatly, there is a chance that your child might not get their first selection. Please make sure to talk with your child so they are aware of the second option each day.

There are no changes to prices for Paid breakfast and lunch for the 2019-2020 school year. Paid breakfast is $1.75 and Paid lunch is $3.00. Rates for Reduced meals will also stay the same at $0.30 for breakfast and $0.40 for lunch.

Please take the time to pre-pay with cash or check or online with a credit card through the My School Bucks Payment System. This system allows you to access your child’s meal account and deposit funds at any time. They system can also show you when your child has purchased meals and will send you an email reminder when the balance drops below a parental preset limit. Information regarding the online payment system has been included with this letter.

We are asking all parents to make sure to review the paperwork for free/reduced status. It is vitally critical for our district that the families that qualify for free/reduced status complete an application regardless of whether or not their child participates in the food program. Much of the funding for our school is predicated on our student population, and recognizing those students who qualify for free/reduced status helps the district to maximize funding and provide additional services to our children. Please take the time to complete the enclosed application to see if your family qualifies.

Please understand that it is up to you as a parent to ensure your child’s account has sufficient funds for all meals. The district has a system to help remind parents of their children’s cafeteria balances using an automated phone reminder. These calls will be delivered on Sundays. This will allow parents to send money with their students or make payments online on a timely schedule. Only accounts that have a negative balance will receive a call on Sunday, and the accounts with negative balances greater than $5.00 will be receiving multiple calls during the week.
We are proud you trust us to feed your children, and we take that responsibility seriously. We want to offer food your children will enjoy, so please contact us if you have any suggestions that can make our program better.

Thank you,

Pat Atkins
PPESD Superintendent

Below is a quick summary and instructions on MySchoolBucks.com.

Pollock Pines ESD is excited to offer MySchoolBucks®! This online payment service provides a quick and easy way to add money to your student's meal account using a credit/debit card or electronic check. You can also view recent purchases, check balances, and set-up low balance alerts for FREE!

MySchoolBucks provides:
- Convenience - Available 24/7 on the web or through our mobile app for your smartphone
- Efficiency - Make payments for all your students, even if they attend different schools within the district. Eliminate the need for your students to take money to school.
- Control - Set low balance alerts, view account activity, recurring/automatic payments & more!
- Flexibility - Make payments using credit/debit cards and electronic checks.
- Security – MySchoolBucks adheres to the highest security standards.

Enrollment is easy!
1. Go to www.MySchoolBucks.com or download the mobile app and register for a free account.
2. Add your students using their school name and student ID.
3. Make a payment to your students' accounts with your credit/debit card or electronic check. A program fee may apply. You will have the opportunity to review any fees and cancel if you choose, before you are charged.

If you have any questions, contact MySchoolBucks directly:
- support@myschoolbucks.com
- (855) 832-5226
- Visit myschoolbucks.com and click on Help